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S.B. No. 847

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to applicability of fee exemptions for military personnel and their children to certain course fees charged by public technical institutes and public state colleges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (g), Section 54.203, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) The governing board of a public junior college, public technical institute, or public state college, as those terms are defined by Section 61.003, [district] may establish a fee for extraordinary costs associated with a specific course or program and may provide that the exemptions provided by Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to this fee.

SECTION 2. Section 54.203, Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with fees charged for the 2009 fall semester. Fees charged for an academic period before that semester are covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.